During 2011, investigators assigned to Joplin Special Investigations Unit and Jasper County Drug Task Force initiated 413 cases, which is a 32% increase from 2010. These cases lead to arrests and prosecution at both state and federal levels, as well as seizure of narcotics. During 2011, investigators served 121 search warrants to aid in investigations. Eighty-six methamphetamine labs were also recovered and dismantled.

Local Cases

On 2/23/11 Joplin Special Investigations Unit and Jasper County Drug Task Force served a search warrant at 1619 S. Moffet. MDMA (ecstasy), cocaine, and marijuana were recovered.

On 6/15/11 Joplin Special Investigations Unit and Jasper County Drug Task Force served a search warrant at 722 Oakland St, Webb City. Crack cocaine was recovered.

0n 7/15/11 Joplin Special Investigations Unit and Jasper County Drug Task Force served a search warrant at Sunrise Motel, 3600 S. Rangeline Rd. Methamphetamine in "ice" form was recovered.

On 8/12/11 Joplin Special Investigations Unit and Jasper County Drug Task Force served a search warrant at 923 S. Chestnut. Cocaine and PCP were recovered.

On 8/31/11 Joplin Special Investigations Unit and Jasper County Drug Task Force served a search warrant at 921 S. Chestnut. Cocaine and marijuana were recovered.

On 9/30/11 Joplin Special Investigations Unit and Jasper County Drug Task Force contacted individuals at 809 S. Pennsylvania in an effort to locate a suspect. While at the location, investigators seized "crack" cocaine.

Federal Cases

On 6/14/11 a federal grand jury in the Western District of Missouri indicted 16 defendants for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, money laundering, and firearms violations. This was after a 16-month operation by Joplin Special Investigations Unit and Jasper County Drug Task Force.

On 6/14/11 a federal grand jury in the Western District of Missouri indicted three defendants for conspiracy to sell cocaine. These three were a small portion of multiple other suspects from Missouri, Kansas, and Texas previously indicted after a two-year investigation initiated by Joplin Special Investigations Unit and Jasper County Drug Task Force.

On 7/11/11 Joplin Special Investigations Unit, Jasper County Drug Task Force, the DEA and ATF served search warrants at 2639 S. Fairfield Lane, 3235 S. Main St., 2025 S. Tyler, 10938 Holly Rd, Neosho, and 731 W. 13th St, Webb City. There were also search warrants served in Oklahoma. These were the result of an 18-month investigation into the conspiracy to sell methamphetamine. Federal indictments are pending.

On 9/20/11 Joplin Special Investigations Unit and Jasper County Drug Task Force served search warrants at 204 S. Roane St, Webb City, and 711 Limestone, Carthage. These search warrants were the result of an investigation into the conspiracy to sell heroin. As a result of the search warrants, heroin and handguns were recovered. Federal indictments are pending.